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**REMARKS**

In the Action, claims 12, 13, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by the Schondorf reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,640,174). However, by this Amendment, claim 12 has been cancelled and thus the rejection of the same has been rendered moot. Also, by this Amendment, new claim 22 recites the same limitations of cancelled claim 12, in addition to the reset mechanism comprised of a trip odometer button and/or a clock button. The Schondorf reference does not disclose this claimed reset mechanism. It is therefore submitted that claim 22 and claims 13 and 15 depending therefrom are novel and allowable notwithstanding the Schondorf reference.

Also, in the Action, claims 1-4, 6-8, 11, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in view of the Schondorf reference in view of the DeLine reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,222,460). Independent claim 7 recites the fuel cut-off control system including an odometer display mechanism for receiving a cut-off notification signal from the controller and displaying a cut-off notification message to an occupant of the vehicle. Neither reference, whether taken individually or in any permissible combination, discloses or suggests the inventive combination of features including the claimed odometer display mechanism.

In view of the foregoing, all of the claims remaining in the case, namely claims 1-4 and 6-27, are in proper form and patentably distinguish from the prior art. Accordingly, allowance of the claims and passage of the application to issuance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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